

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A machine [[Machine]] for moving receptacles in front of at least one inspection station, along a given direction, said machine comprising:

a lower frame supporting a front half-carriage and a back half-carriage extending along longitudinal planes parallel to each other, each half-carriage [[further]] comprising:

a motorized device for driving at least one belt in rotation, the motorized drive device being located at a first end of the half-carriage,

at least one return device for at least one belt, located at the second end of the half-carriage,

at least one first endless drive belt installed between the motorized drive device and the return device with one strand placed at a distance from the strand of the belt supported by the other half-carriage so as to delimit a receptacle gripping and movement path between them, wherein

the lower frame has at least two transverse sides one of which has a passage compartment for the end of a receptacle input conveyor designed to cooperate with a return head on the input side, installed on the frame, while the other transverse side has a passage compartment for the end of a receptacle output conveyor designed to cooperate with a return head on the output side, installed on the frame ~~and the return head on the input side~~, to delimit a volume interrupting the conveyance, each transverse side being provided with a linear guide system extending on the outside of the conveyance interruption volume, ~~the linear guide system further comprising:~~

~~a mobile carriage supported by linear guide systems and composed of the front half-carriage and the back half-carriage~~ comprising a mobile carrier, each half-carriage comprising a rigid bridge installed at each end, and sliding on the linear guide systems,

and a displacement system connected to at least one of the half carriages and adapted to move ~~[[moving]]~~ one half-carriage away from or towards the other half-carriage, and located outside the conveyance interruption volume.

2. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to claim 1, wherein each half-carriage comprises a geared motor installed on ~~[[the]]~~ a center-line of the motorized drive device.

3. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to claim 1, wherein each half-carriage comprises:

a second return device for a belt, supported by the rigid bridge (26) and being located at the second end of the said bridge and extending superposed from the first return device, each return device being composed of a pulley,

and a second endless drive belt installed between the motorized drive device and the second return device with one strand of the belt passing in front of a bearing plate supported by the rigid bridge and at a distance from a strand of the second belt supported by the other half-carriage,

and a common drive drum driving the first and second belts.

4. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[each]]~~ each return device is supported by a bearing plate ~~[[supports a return device and]]~~ which is installed on at least a guide slide along a vertical direction and supported by the rigid bridge, each bearing plate being moved in vertical translation on the guide slide ~~[[slides]]~~ using a control device, so that the height of the belts can be adjusted.

5. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to claim 1, wherein the rigid bridge of each half carriage ~~[[comprises a rigid bridge]]~~ is formed

from a beam supported at each end by a support arm fitted with a pad cooperating with a linear guide system.

6. (currently amended) The machine [[Machine]] according to claim 5, wherein each support arm is composed of a bracket with a vertical leg connected to the beam and a horizontal leg facing the transverse side to close to the frame and supported by an upright fitted with a pad at its base, the horizontal legs and the uprights of the half-carriages installed facing each other and defining [[delimiting]] part of a passage compartment for a conveyor.

7. (currently amended) The machine [[Machine]] according to claim 6, wherein each bracket of a half-carriage installed facing a bracket of the other half-carriage defining a [[delimits the]] volume for [[the]] installation of the motorized drive devices and the return devices.

8. (currently amended) The machine [[Machine]] according to claim 1, wherein the system to move the half-carriages towards each other or away from each other comprises two screw-nut systems installed between the adjacent ends of the two rigid bridges, one of the systems being fitted with a movement control device and being connected to the other system through a transmission extending parallel to the longitudinal extension planes.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The machine [[Machine]] according to claim 8, wherein movement of the half-carriages towards or away from each other controls movement of one of the half-carriages with respect to the other kept in the fixed position, each screw-nut system being provided with a device for selecting the method

of moving the half-carriages with respect to each other, namely a centered displacement or an offset displacement from the displacement plane.

11. (currently amended) The machine [[Machine]] according to claim 1, wherein:

each motorized drive device [[, associated with a geared motor,]] forms a traveller installed free to slide on the rigid bridge along a direction approximately parallel to the direction of movement, so that belts can be assembled and disassembled, said mobile traveller being locked in position by a belt tensioning and locking system,

and each return device is installed on a belt tensioning system.

12. (currently amended) The machine [[Machine]] according to claim 11, wherein the belt locking and tensioning system is of the toggle fastener type.

13. (currently amended) The machine [[Machine]] according to claim 1, wherein the lower frame is equipped with longitudinal support [[plane]] plate installed free to slide on two cross pieces supported by the longitudinal sides of the frame and extending parallel to the transverse sides, the plate being designed to support elements forming part of the at least one inspection station [[stations]].

14. (currently amended) The machine [[Machine]] according to claim 13, wherein the longitudinal support plate is connected to a curtain wound around a drum installed on the longitudinal back edge of the lower frame.

15. (currently amended) The machine [[Machine]] according to claim 1, wherein the lower frame is equipped with four stands that are adjustable in height and

are adapted to support ~~[[supporting the]]~~ a supporting frame for which the at least two
transverse sides are adjustable in length.

16. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to ~~[[any of~~
~~claims]]~~ claim 1, wherein the lower frame supports an upper frame, ~~it comprises an~~
~~upper frame supported by the lower frame and~~ the upper frame formed by four
uprights connected at the top part by ~~[[a]]~~ an additional frame, ~~[[the]]~~ two ~~[[back]]~~ of
the uprights supporting at least one back longitudinal beam designed to support
elements forming part of the at least one inspection station ~~[[stations]]~~.

17. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to claim 16,
wherein the at least one back longitudinal ~~[[support]]~~ beam is installed on the upper
frame on ~~[[the]]~~ transverse slides that are adapted to control movement of the at least
one back longitudinal beam ~~[[controlling its movements]]~~ towards and away from
~~[[the]]~~ a longitudinal extension plane.

18. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to claim 16,
wherein the upper frame ~~[[delimits]]~~ defines a top compartment through an access
door located on ~~[[the]]~~ a façade of the machine.

19. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to claim 1, further
comprising a protection cladding and an access door.

20. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to claim 19,
wherein the access door comprises a chassis ~~[[delimiting]]~~ defining an opening, ~~and~~
~~equipped with displacement guide means for~~ at least one mobile panel comprising a
reception structure for instrumentation and/or control means for controlling the
machine, and accessible from ~~[[the]]~~ a façade of the mobile panel, and means for

displacing the mobile panel and reception structure ~~[[displacement means adapted]]~~ so that when the mobile panel is in the open position, the façade of the instrumentation and/or control means is facing towards the opening so that an operator in front of the opening, can access the opening and at the same time access the instrumentation and/or control means.

21. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to claim 20, wherein the means for displacing the mobile panel and reception structure ~~[[displacement means]]~~ are composed of means for sliding and pivoting ~~movement guiding means that slide and pivot~~ the mobile panel such that when the mobile panel is in the open position, the façade of the mobile panel is facing the opening.

22. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to claim 20, wherein the means for displacing the mobile panel and reception structure ~~[[displacement means]]~~ are composed of a means for pivoting the reception structure ~~[[pivoting means]]~~ for ~~[[the]]~~ a man-machine interface such that ~~[[the]]~~ a façade of the man-machine interface is accessible equally well in the open and closed positions of the mobile panel.

23. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to claim 20, wherein the ~~[[displacement guide means enable]]~~ means for displacing the mobile panel and reception structure enables the façade of the mobile panel ~~[[man-machine interface]]~~ to move into a plane forming an angle with the plane ~~[[delimited]]~~ defined by the opening, equal to between 40° and 135° and preferably between 60° and 110°.

24. (currently amended) The machine ~~[[Machine]]~~ according to claim 20, wherein the means for displacing the mobile panel and reception structure enables ~~[[sliding guide means enable]]~~ the façade of the reception structure ~~[[man-machine~~

interface]] to move into a plane approximately perpendicular to the plane delimited by the opening.

25. (currently amended) The machine [[Machine]] according to claim 20, wherein the means for displacing the mobile panel and reception structure [[guiding means]] allow [[a]] the mobile panel to slide and pivot, and comprise at least one support and guide rail for at least one roller device fitted on the mobile panel, the mobile panel being connected by a pivot at its top part and connected at its bottom part to an extension bar guided in translation along a direction approximately perpendicular to the opening.

26. (currently amended) The machine [[Machine]] according to claim 20, wherein the means for displacing the mobile panel and reception structure [[sliding and pivoting guide means]] comprise at least one support and guide rail for at least one roller device fitted on a first mobile panel hinged to a second mobile panel installed hinged on the chassis, the mobile panels being intended to fold in contact with each other in the open position of the opening.

27. (currently amended) The machine [[Machine]] according to claim 25, wherein the means for displacing the mobile panel and reception structure [[sliding and pivoting guide means]] comprise a support and guide upper rail [[called the upper rail]] arranged in [[the]] a top part of the chassis and a guide lower rail [[called the lower rail]] arranged in [[the]] a lower part of the chassis, one supporting the roller device(s) fitted on the mobile panel, and the other supporting a guide device.

28. (new) A machine according to claim 8, wherein each screw-nut system comprises a threaded rod cooperating with a first nut installed in each support arm of the front

half-carriage and with a second nut installed in each support arm of the back half-carriage, the nuts fitted on the back half-carriage having a thread in the direction opposite to the direction of the nuts of the front half-carriage, such that rotation of threaded rod in a particular direction causes the two half-carriages to move towards each other or away from each other and to remain centered about the displacement plane along the middle of the gripping and displacement path of the receptacles.